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Ms. Courtney Avery Administrator Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board Second Floor 525 West Jefferson Springfield, Illinois 62702-5051

HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Re: IHFSRB Project #14-028 Copley Memorial Hospital, Aurora

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am submitting this request for a permit renewal for the above-referenced project, which was granted a CON permit at the October 7, 2014, meeting of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB). A subsequent change in the sources of funds were reported in an alteration that was reported to the HFSRB and acknowledged by your agency on April 27, 2015.

This permit was granted to expand and modernize several departments at Copley Memorial Hospital.

- 1. I am requesting a renewal of this permit to a Project Completion Date of December 31, 2019, from the original Permit Completion Date of December 31, 2018.
- 2. The current status of the project is as follows.
 - a. As of August 1, 2018, 80% of the project is completed.
 - b. The following components of the project are completed:
 - All of the construction components of the new construction portion of the project have been completed;

- IDPH certification for occupancy has been received for all phases of new construction as well as for Phase 3 of the project, which includes the modernization and expansion of 21 Phase 2 recovery rooms, one new operating room, two remodeled/enlarged operating rooms, and associated support space.
- c. The 4th and final phase of the project is underway but not yet complete. This phase of the project includes completing the modernization and expansion of the existing Surgical Suite and other non-clinical service areas that are part of the modernization portion of the project.
- d. The funds expended as of August 1, 2018, are \$35,918,964.
- 3. The project has not been completed in the time frame proposed in the CON application for the following reasons, which delayed completion of the construction by 8 months.
 - a. The first phase of the project, which was the construction of the new addition, experienced unanticipated delays of approximately 7 months for the following reasons.

First, although unanticipated during architectural planning of the project, the existing building on the construction site needed to be demolished before numerous "verify in field" dimensions could be secured for the fabrication of the structural steel for the new addition.

Second, because of this delay in securing measurements for the structural steel, the lead times required to fabricate the structural steel pushed the new construction into unfavorable winter weather conditions.

b. Although the contractor and RCMC hoped to make up time during Phase 3, a subsequent phase of the project that involved modernization of existing operating rooms, this was not possible, and unanticipated complications actually delayed the project by an additional month.

That was because, during Phase 3 of the project, when demolition within the existing operating rooms took place, it was discovered that over 50 existing critical mechanical, electrical, and plumbing utilities within the operating rooms and surrounding areas conflicted with and impeded the installation of the CleanSuite assemblies in the modernized operating rooms. The investigation of these conflicts and the planning and execution of their relocation required unanticipated additional time.

- c. The project's proximity to active patient care areas and operating rooms required slowing and at times stopping construction in order to minimize any potential disruptions to critical areas and systems, while attempting to expedite the construction in a safe manner.
- 4. I hereby confirm that I am an authorized representative of the permit holders for this project.

I further confirm that the project's costs and scope comply with the project approved by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, including the alteration of the sources of funds, and that sufficient financial resources are available to complete the project.

A check for \$500 for the permit renewal processing fee is enclosed

Please feel free to contact Andrea Rozran of Diversified Health Resources, Inc. (312-266-0466, arozran@diversifiedhealth.net) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barry C. Finn President & CEO

cc: Michael Constantino

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